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1960 TRIUMPH TR3A - PART 1



What year and make is your car, and what attracted you to it?

It's a 1960 TR3a. Back in the 1960's, 70's and 80's I drove

Triumph Spitfires and kept a TR6 for nearly 20 years. Concurrently, I drove a 1968 BJ8 Austin Healey 3000 for 28 years.

Can you tell us about the history and original use of your car?

The car entered our family in 1980, in an assortment of boxes and baskets. It was restored, and owned by my father-in-law for about 20 years, then forgotten again, slowly rotting again outside, covered with a tarpaulin. Eventually, my brother-in-law stored it in his garage in East Greenwich, Rhode



Island. In 2017, I hired a carrier that year and had it brought to my home in Magnolia Point to determine its condition and eligibility for a possible

restoration project. The floors, sills, and body parts were rusted beyond salvage, the motor was seized, and the interior had become a mouse condominium. But for whatever reason, I decided to try to make it right.

How did you acquire it, and how long have you owned it?

The restoration project began in April of 2017 and is nearly complete.

Can you tell us about the restoration process?

The car is now in the final stages of completion. Body, chassis, and engine work have been completed and the



reassembly process looks pretty good. My intent is to keep the Triumph as original as possible so there are no significant alterations to the restoration.

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